

Exhibit 144

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MARIELLE SHAVONNE SMITH and CHARIS HUMPHREY
on behalf of its members, SHAKETA REDDEN,
DORETHEA FRANKLIN, TANIQUA SIMMONS, DE'JON HALL,
JOSEPH BONDS, CHARLES PALMER, SHIRLEY SARMIENTO,
EBONY YELDON, and JANE DOE,
individually and on behalf of a class of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

-vs-

CITY OF BUFFALO, N.Y., BYRON B. BROWN,
Mayor of the City of Buffalo, in his individual and
official capacities,
BYRON C. LOCKWOOD, Commissioner of the
Buffalo Police Department, in his individual
and official capacities,
DANIEL DERENDA, former Commissioner of the
Buffalo Police Department, in his individual capacity,
AARON YOUNG, KEVIN BRINKWORTH, PHILIP SERAFINI,
ROBBIN THOMAS,
UNKNOWN SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL 1-10,
UNKNOWN OFFICERS 1-20, each officers of the
Buffalo Police Department,
in their individual capacities,

Defendants.

1 A. Okay. Okay.

2 Q. Okay. You feel like you've had enough time to
3 review those paragraphs?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. Fair to say that those paragraphs that we
6 just identified, paragraphs two hundred
7 sixty-seven through two hundred ninety-six, they
8 describe an incident where you were cited for
9 traffic violations by an officer by the name of
10 Michael Healy?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you recall that incident?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Can you tell me based on your independent
15 recollection what you recall about that incident?

16 A. How it happened?

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. I was driving in South Buffalo, I believe it's
19 South Park, in a taxi cab, I was just passing a
20 light, the police officer was in the car, just
21 before I passed the light, he ended up pulling me
22 over. He asked for my license, registration of
23 the vehicle. There was an envelope with, there

1 was an envelope with insurance and stuff in it, I
2 gave him the paperwork, I showed him my license.
3 He did wipe his hand on the window -- well, his
4 finger. He went back to the car, he came back,
5 gave me the ticket, I asked him what was the
6 ticket for. He told me I was lucky that I got
7 two tickets instead of four. So I kept quiet,
8 because you don't argue with a police officer. I
9 immediately called the owner of the cab, and
10 that's basically what happened.

11 Q. Okay. So I want to take that a little bit step
12 for step. You said you handed him an envelope,
13 and your recollection was that there was an
14 insurance card in the envelope, is that correct?

15 A. I'm not sure if it was registration or insurance,
16 but it was a proof of -- if I can correct it.
17 Yes. It was proof of insurance month-to-month.
18 In the envelope, from what I remember, that month
19 had just started, and I don't -- I'm not sure if
20 that month was in that envelope for insurance, if
21 I recall it, but I did give him the envelope.

22 Q. Okay. So do you recall specifically seeing an
23 insurance card or a proof of insurance in the

1 he gave proof that they was removed.

2 Q. Right. So I'm making a distinction between the
3 proof of insurance violation, and then the
4 violations for the tinted windows. So we know
5 that the proof of insurance violation was
6 reversed, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Were the tinted windows violations reversed, as
9 far as you know?

10 A. I'm gonna say it was, yes.

11 MS. WILLIAMS: Did you still have to pay the tickets?

12 BY MR. SAHASRABUDHE:

13 Q. Yes. You ultimately paid a fine, right?

14 MS. WILLIAMS: For the tinted windows?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes.

16 BY MR. SAHASRABUDHE:

17 Q. Okay. So at least part of the violations were
18 upheld in connection with your appeal, right?
19 The charges weren't completely dismissed, because
20 you ultimately had to pay a penalty, right?

21 A. I don't, I don't know how to -- yes.

22 Q. Okay. It's a little -- so what I really want to
23 know is, because we have, your attorneys have

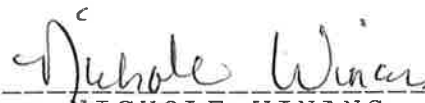
1 STATE OF NEW YORK)

2 SS:

3 COUNTY OF ERIE)

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5 I, Nichole Winans, a Notary Public in and
6 for the State of New York, County of Erie, DO
7 HEREBY CERTIFY that the testimony of EBONY YELDON
8 was taken down by me in a verbatim manner by
9 means of Machine Shorthand, on December 13, 2022.
10 That the testimony was then reduced into writing
11 under my direction. That the testimony was taken
12 to be used in the above-entitled action. That
13 the said deponent, before examination, was duly
14 sworn by me to testify to the truth, the whole
15 truth and nothing but the truth, relative to said
16 action.

17 I further CERTIFY that the above-described
18 transcript constitutes a true and accurate and
19 complete transcript of the testimony.

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23 NICHOLE WINANS,
Notary Public.